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KEY ISSUES AND CONCEPTS

- Bottom point of Lake
- Low point in valley between Queen Anne and Capital Hill
- Terry is celebrated green street and main pedestrian corridor on axis with the main entry to Lake Union Park.
- Confluence of these Geographic, Topographic, and Axial relationships at Terry and Valley instill importance upon that intersection.



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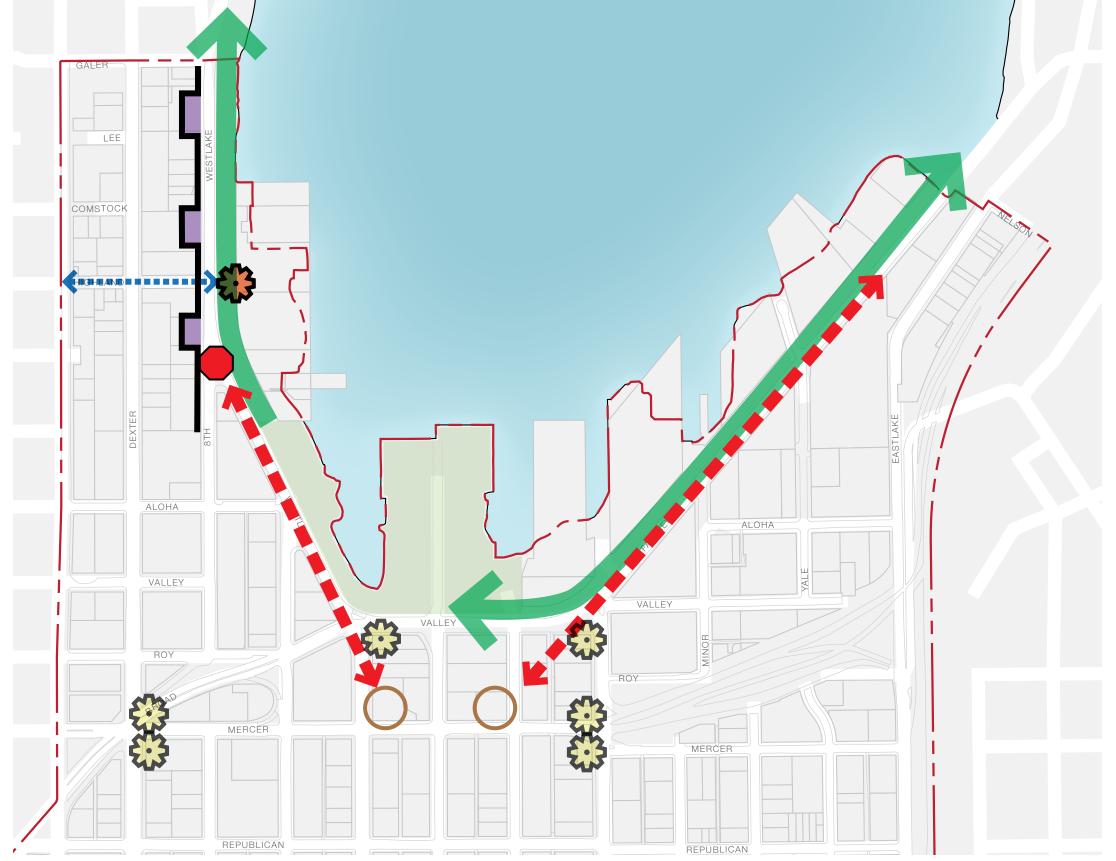
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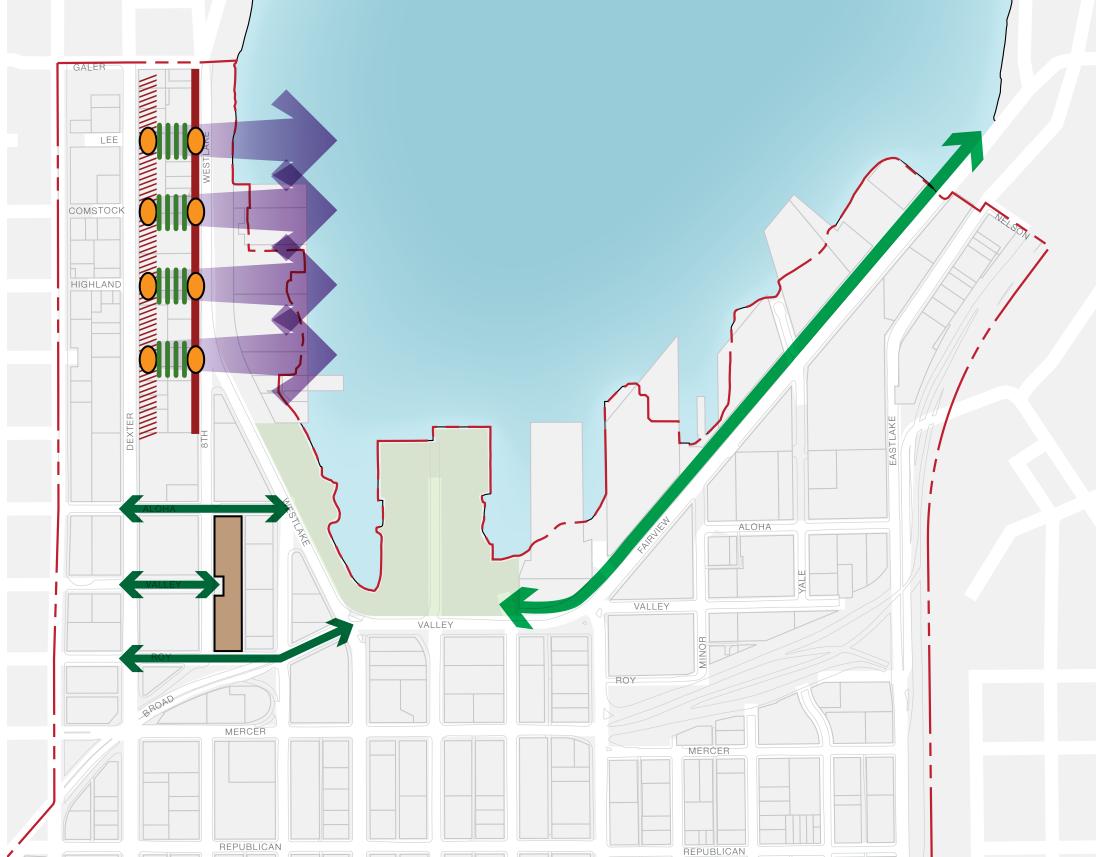


- Extend Lake Union park to the north along Westlake and Eastlake.
- Create pedestrian hillclimb at Highland, connecting to future streetcar stop on Westlake.
- Tower locations and form on the Mercer Street properties should take into account the long axial public views back to the site along Westlake and Eastlake.
- The Westlake streetwall (west side of the street) should be broken up with public plazas activated by retail, and improved pedestrian comfort, i.e. widened sidewalks.



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KEY ISSUES AND CONCEPTS

- Create low retail / commercial edge along Dexter, with large open plazas leading to hillclimb connections down to Westlake.
- Westlake could have a taller street edge (40-55'), with urban plazas receiving the hillclimbs.
- Hillclimbs should not just be stairs. They should be interactive retail, plaza, and viewpoint connectors that are well designed like Harbor Steps at 1st and University to ensure use.
- Views should open up for the pedestrian, thus buildings (especially towers) need to help frame the views to create an experience as one moves from Dexter to Westlake.
- Lake Union Park should be extended along Eastlake using Public parking lots as open space.
- Aloha, Valley, and Roy should be Woonerf / Road Diet street candidates to improve the pedestrian connections to the lake.
- Valley should celebrate it's axial relationship with the City owned property on 8th.



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VALLEY ROY

KEY ISSUES AND CONCEPTS

- Utilize shape of the lake to influence urban form.
- Create large setbacks from Valley and utilize them as public plazas.
- Expose towers to both sides of properties.



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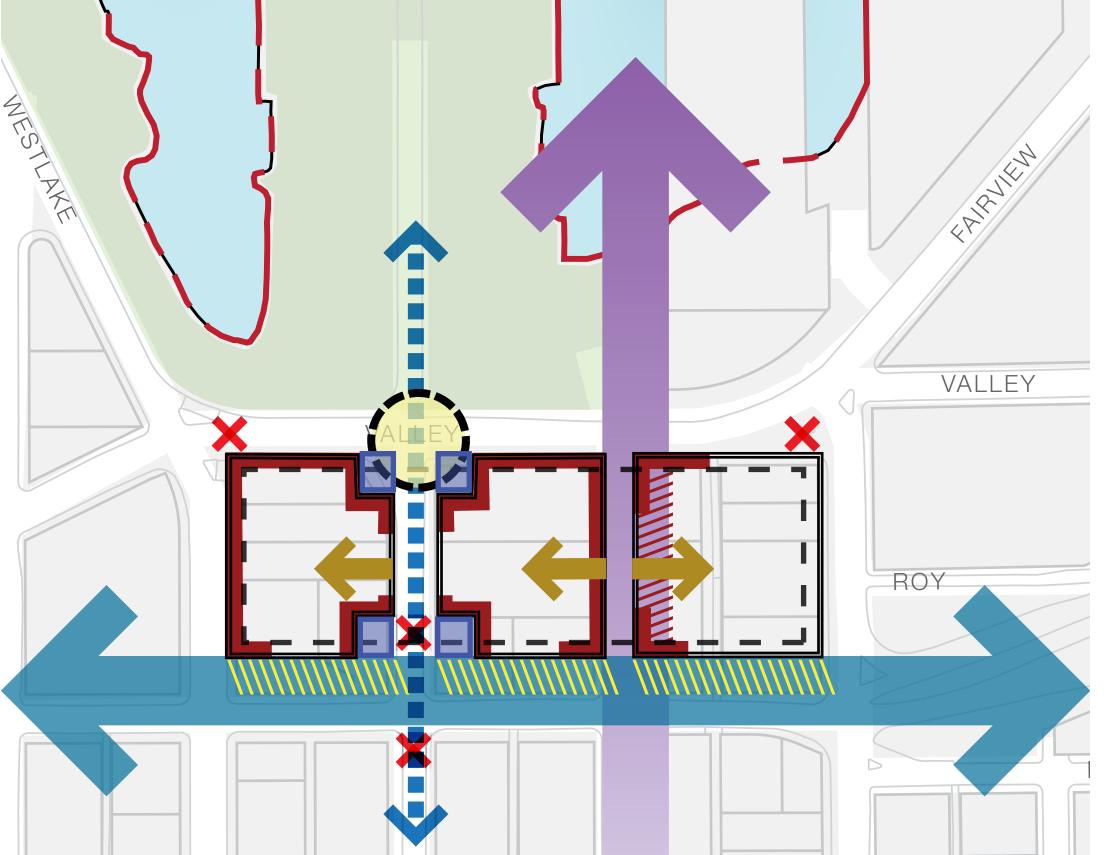
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- Provide significant setbacks for wider sidewalks along Valley, creating a consistant street frontage for restaurant / café spillout.
- Support street activating retail (restaurants, cafes, coffee shops, ice-cream venders, and non-food retail that attracts browsers and supports window shopping.
- Store frontage along Valley should maximize transparency and operability, using Nana-Wall, garage door, or other means of operable wall systems, in order to blur the inside and outside of the retail establishments.



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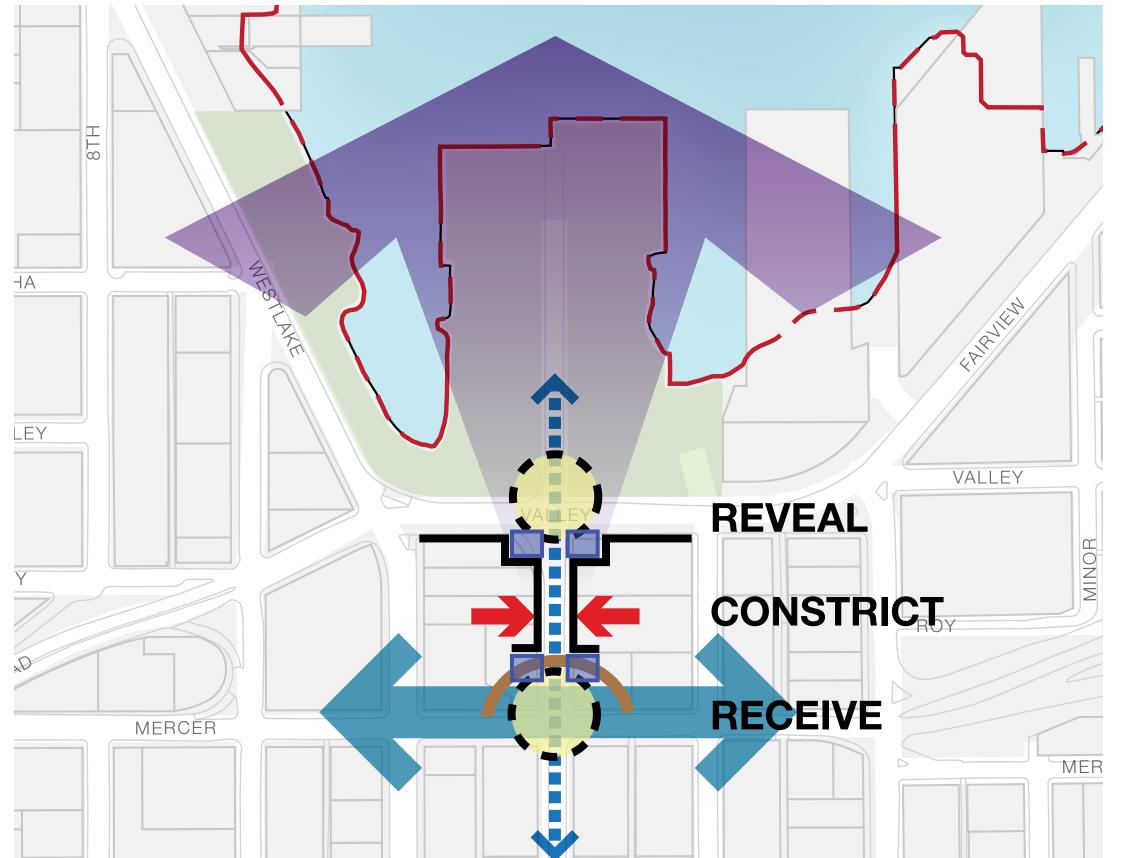


- Valley is a special intersection and should be celebrated in it's design.
- Valley street properties may want to be pulled back from Mercer in order to increase sunlight to street.
- Building Access should occur off of Boren where possible. Where access is mandated off of Terry, minimize exposure to street (i.e. handle the separation of different functions inside).
- Preserve the Boren Avenue view utilizing low building bases along the East side of Boren.
- Signify the ability to close "Festival Streets" in their design / paving treatment.
- Support common underground garage for 3 properties in exchange for urban design amenities.



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RECEIVE

• The North side of Mercer should receive pedestrians with plazas or architectural form and pedestrian activity.

CONSTRICT

- The building base should address the property line, constricting the view and experience of the pedestrian, emphasizing movement towards the lake
- Maintain active uses, and pleasant, transparent facades to accentuate the experience.

REVEAL

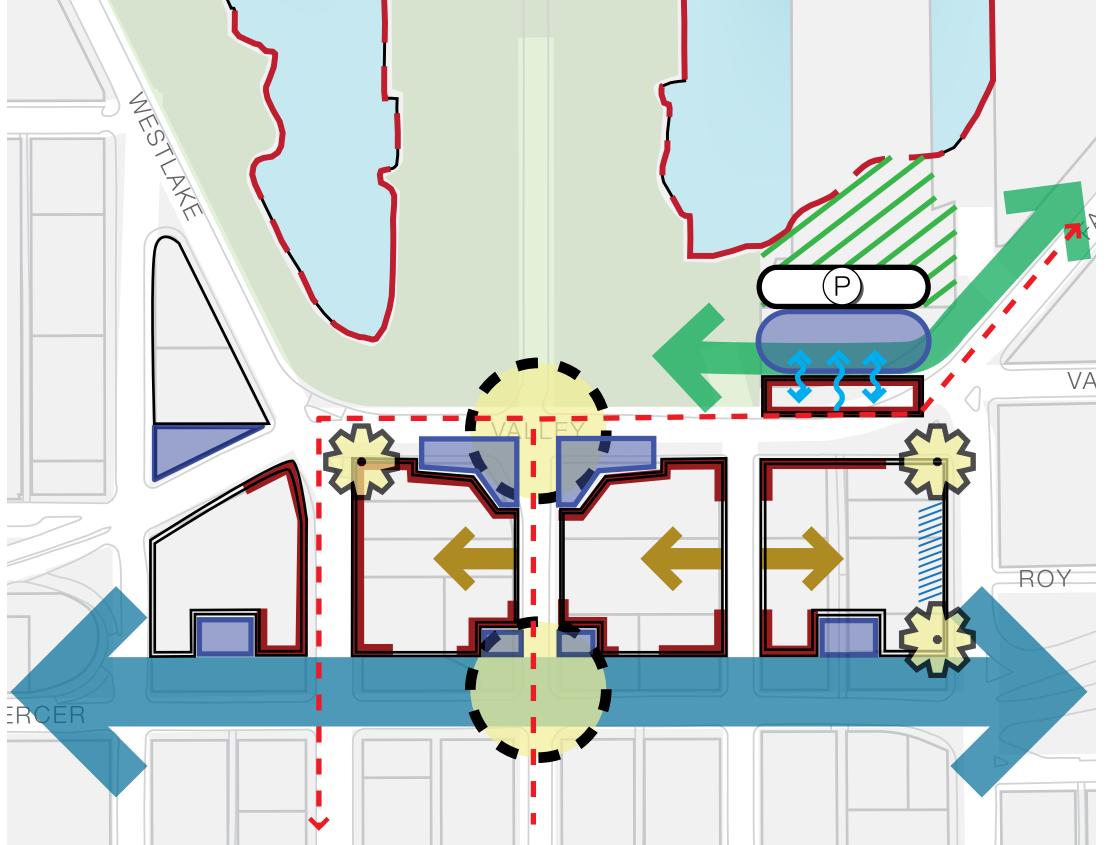
• Where Terry meets Valley, the building form should open up to the view, creating active plazas, and wide sidewalks with retail activity.



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- Both the Terry / Valley and Terry / Mercer intersections should be celebrated
- The Mercer street wall should be broken down to create human scale elements and spaces, supporting retail use away from the traffic on Mercer.
- Building Access should occur off of Boren where possible. Where access is mandated off of Terry, minimize exposure to street (i.e. handle the separation of different functions inside).
- Building form at Terry and Valley should respond to and open up to the views of the park.
- Long Term: Expand the park north along Eastlake with a promenade for pedestrians and bicycles. Build small retail building to replace the Daniels Broiler building that will reinforce the street edge and activate the park. The retail / plaza / Eastlake promenade extension will create a formal entry to the park. Expand the park along the waters edge where Daniels is now.



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- The scale of the proposed Mercer street requires a higher base to create a comfortable relationship between breadth and height.
- The Valley street wall should be 40-55 feet, stepping down towards the lake from Mercer.
- New construction North of Valley should be a maximum of 35 feet.

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